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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: G. SERRE *et al.*

Application No.: 09/582,711

Group Art Unit: 1641

Filed: June 30, 2000

Examiner: L. Cook

For: *Peptide Epitopes Recognized by Antifilaggrin Autoantibodies in Serum From Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2001 (Paper 12), Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, Group A, claim(s) 1-12 drawn to compositions comprising *sequence identification number 3* (SEQ ID 3) and its utility, classified in class 530, subclass 300 for example.

A petition for a two-month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the two-month extension of time fee accompany this Response.

In addition, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as indicated.

Please cancel claim 2.



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ARTHRITIS PATIENTS

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement responding to the requirement in the Office Action mailed September 28, 2001 (Paper No. 12)
2. Additional papers enclosed:
 - Drawings: ☐ Formal ☐ Informal (Corrections)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449, ___ references included
 - ☐ Citations
 - ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
 - ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

- ☐ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- ☒ Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	400.00	200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	920.00	460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	1,440.00	720.00

- ☒ Extension of time fee due with this request: \$ 400.00
- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.
- ☐ An extension for __ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ ____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. **EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Response		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims	11	minus	12	0	x \$18.00 each =	+ \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	minus	1	0	x \$78.00 each =	+ \$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$ 260.00	+ \$ 0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$ 0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$ 0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$ 0.00

6. Fee Payment

- ☐ No fee is to be paid at this time.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$400.00 for one-month extension of time is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension of time fee or additional fee for claims due to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees including fees due under 37 CFR § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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